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Washington D.C. --- Fourth District Congressman Nick Rahall of Beckley, was appointed today to serve on the important Public Works and Transportation Committee. Rahall was selected in a near-unaimous vote of the Democratic Steering and Policy Committee.

The Public Works and Transportation Committee, which has jurisdiction over legislation relating to the construction and maintenance of federal highways and roads, was the prime committee requested by Rahall.

"Throughout my Congressional campaign I consistently addressed the immediate need for the expansion and improvement of West Virginia roads. We need modern roads to move the goods and materials we produce in this state, which in turn bring industry and jobs into the area." The Congressman went on to say, "I am pleased to know that I will now be able to carry through on this promise to my constituents."

The Committee also oversees federal measures relating to flood control, improvement of rivers and harbors, sewage treatment and civil aviation, which Congressman Rahall stated, is another major concern to West Virginia residents.

"Just today, the City of Logan received \$750,000 for a new airport from the Department of Transportation. As a member of the Public Works Committee, I will be able to play a major role in directing federal funds for these much needed projects into West Virginia."

Congressman Rahall is now awaiting word on his other committee assignment, which is expected to be the Interior and Insular Affairs Committee.

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